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SUBJ: VISIT OF BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO MOSCOW

1. ALLIED SENAT LIAISON OFFICERS WERE INFORMED
JANUARY 13 BY CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ THAT DELEGATION
FROM BERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEPARTED THAT MORNING
FOR VISIT TO MOSCOW. DELEGATION CONSISTED OF
PRESIDENT WALTER COBLER, GEN MANAGE GUENTHER BRAUM
AND MANAGER GUENTHER WILITZKI.

2. DURING PREPARATION FOR VISIT, CHAMBER HAD BEEN
ONLY MODERATELY COOPERATIVE WITH SENAT PARTICULARLY
OVER QUESTION OF WHO FROM GERMAN EMBASSY WOULD MEET
GROUP ON ARRIVAL. HERZ HAD LEARNED FROM SOVIET
CONGEN SHARKOV THAT RUSSIANS FELT THAT IF EMBASSY
REPRESENTATIVE NEED BE PRESENT, IT SHOULD BE SOMEONE
FROM CONSULAR SECTION. SENAT VIEW WAS THAT EITHER
CHIEF OF ECON SECTION OR COMMERCIAL ATTACHE HAD TO BE
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AT AIRPORT WHEN GROUP ARRIVED. SENAT STUCK TO ITS GUNS

AND DESPITE GRUMBLING FROM CHAMBER THAT THEIRS WAS A
PRIVATE VISIT REQUIRING NO FEDERAL GERMAN EMBASSY
PRESENCE, IT WAS EVENTUALLY AGREED THAT ACTING CHIEF
OF ECON SECTION AS WELL AS CONSULAR SECTION REPRESENTATIVE
WOULD MEET ON ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW. HERZ SAID THAT SHOULD
SOVIETS TRY TO RENEGE ON THIS ARRANGEMENT, CHAMBER
GROUP PLANNED TO ENGAGE IN OSTENTATIOUS CONSULTATIONS
WITH GERMAN EMBASSY. HERZ ADDED THAT IN ANY EVENT,
REPRESENTATIVE OF EMBASSY ECONOMIC SECTION WOULD BE
PRESENT AT ALL OF CONSULTATIONS CHAMBER PLANNED WITH
SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ASSOCIATION ON BERLIN ECONOMY.
GROUP HAVING DINNER WITH GERMAN AMBASSADOR EVENING OF
JANUARY 13 (NO SOVIETS TO BE PRESENT) AND WILL RETURN
AT WEEKEND. GEORGE

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